MERLN Group Catalog

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OCLC, Online Computer Library Center
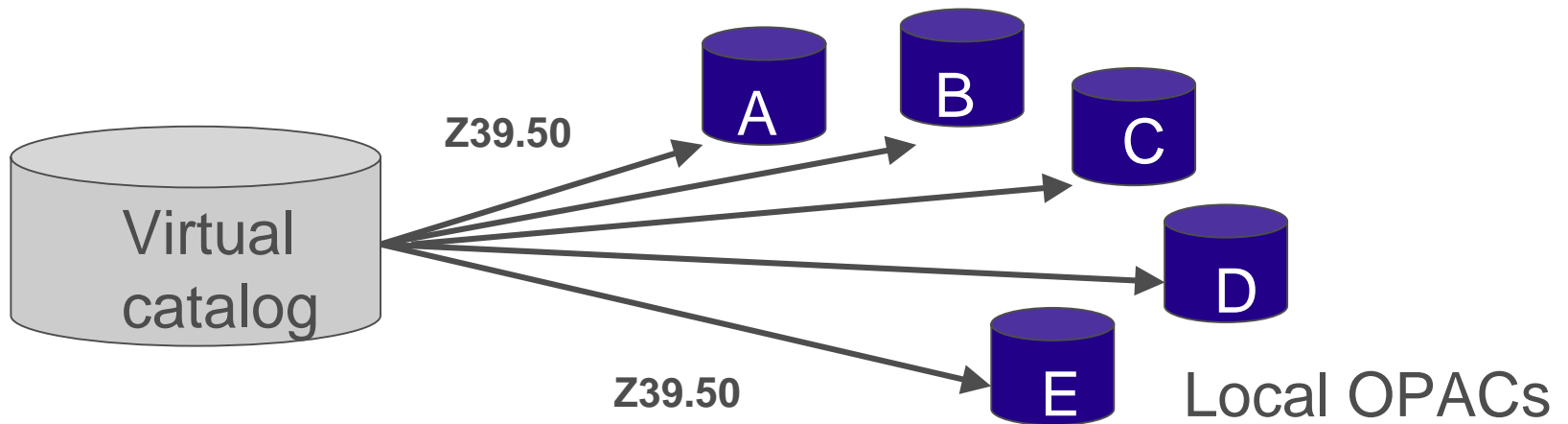
Agenda

- MERLN Group Catalog

- How it works

- What it means to contribute records

MERLN Group Catalog – take 1

Military Education Research Library Network

- Virtual catalog, hosted by Nat'l Defense University
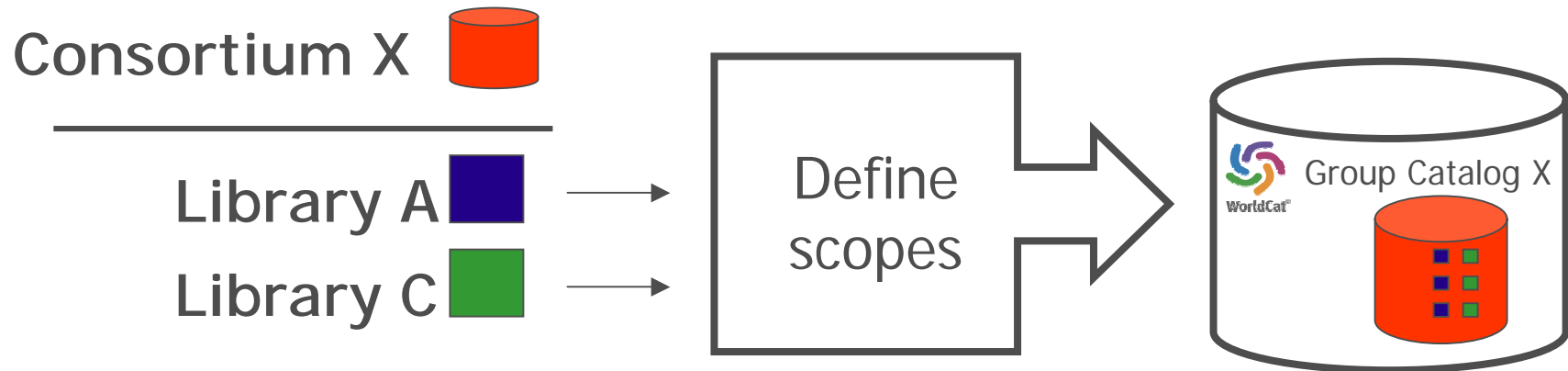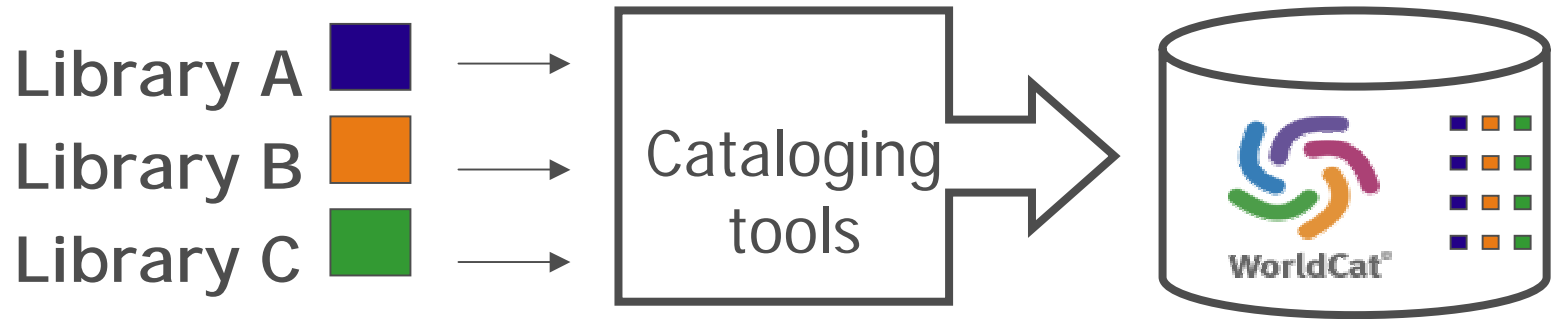- Links to multiple catalogs linked via Z39.50

Z39.50

Virtual catalog

A

B

C

D

E Local OPACs

Z39.50

MERLN Group Catalog – take 1

Problematic

- Exposed servers to outside traffic

- Unreliable response time

- Overhead expense to maintain system

MERLN Group Catalog – take 2

Centralized model based on OCLC WorldCat

Library A

Library B

Library C

Cataloging tools

WorldCat

Consortium X

Library A

Library C

Define scopes

WorldCat Group Catalog X

MERLN Group Catalog – take 2

- Based on library holdings set in WorldCat

- Traffic directed to OCLC – not library's servers

- Links from union catalog to local systems for local information

MERLN Group Catalog – Search screen

MERLN Group Catalog – Holdings count

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MERLN Catalog List of Records

- Click on a title to see the detailed record.
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DC	NATIONAL DEFENSE UNIV LIBR
DC	PENTAGON LIBR
NY	US MIL ACAD
PA	US ARMY WAR COL
RI	NAVAL WAR COL
VA	GRAY RES CTR
VA	JOINT FORCES STAFF COL

Demonstration

Benefits of centralization

- Protects your firewall from external traffic

- Fast response time

- Consistent search results

- Less maintenance

Benefits of contributing to WorldCat

- Evaluative content from OCLC FirstSearch

- Expand searches to global consortium

- Quick implementation

- Secondary services
  - OCLC ILL
  - Open WorldCat

Questions?